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NORMAN OSBORN, FORMER THUNDERBOLTS LEADER, HAS RISEN TO POWER AND WAS APPOINTED TO REPLACE TONY STARK AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE H.A.M.M.E.R., WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

THEY'RE A GATHERING OF CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES THAT NORMAN HAS GIVEN THE ICONIC LIKENESSES OF MANY OF THE FAMOUS AVENGERS, AS WELL AS THE SECRET IDENTITIES THAT GO WITH THEM. JOINING FORMER MIGHTY AVENGERS ARES AND SENTRY ARE THE ASSASSIN BULLSEYE, NOW HAWKEYE; REFORMED CRIMINAL MOONSTONE, NOW MS. MARVEL; WOLVERINE'S DISTURBED SON OAKEN, NOW WOLVERINE; VENOM TRANSFORMED INTO A NEW SPIDER-MAN; AND NORMAN UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY...THE IRON PATRIOT.

NORMAN IS ALSO TRYING TO HELP THE POWERFUL SENTRY DEAL WITH HIS DUAL PERSONALITY AS THE VOID WHILE HE CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH HIS OWN NEUROSES. BUT NORMAN REALIZES THAT THE SENTRY IS NOT SOMETHING HE CAN CONTROL, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE FRACTURED RELATIONSHIP THE SENTRY HAS WITH HIS WIFE LINDY.

AFTER THE VOID NEARLY DESTROYS NEW YORK, NORMAN AUTHORIZES A BLOODTHIRSTY HAWKEYE TO TAKE LINDY OUT.

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NOTE: THIS ISSUE TAKES PLACE DURING THE EVENTS OF SIEGE: THE CABAL.

AVENGER TOWER.
TWO DAYS AGO.
THE CABAL.
OSBORN...
PRODUCE NAMOR AND I WON'T HAVE YOU KILLED.
HOOO!
I SEE.
...
YOU DO REMEMBER, DOOM, I HAVE A WAY OF DEALING WITH YOU PHYSICALLY IF I NEED TO.
HAVE A CARE.
TO THREATEN MY PERSON IS TO THREATEN YOUR OWN.
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT.
PLEASE COME IN HERE.

LAST CHANCE.
IN OR OUT, DOOM.
COME ON, MAN...
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT??!!
I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN--!
FINE.
KILL HIM.

BOOM

VICTORIA!
THIS IS IRON PATRIOT. EVACUATE THE TOWER! NOW!!
THE ENTIRE--??
THE ENTIRE BUILDING!
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!
SECURITY CAMERAS. ALL FLOORS. ALL STATIONS.
AARRGHH!
THIS IS AGENT BULLOCK IN AVENGERS TOWER LOBBY!
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK! REPEAT WE ARE--!
CODE RED CODE RED!
FULL BUILDING EVACUATION!

THE QUINJET'S ON THE ROOF!
ALL OF YOU!
GO, GO!
WHY DON'T WE GET INTO IT WITH WHATEVER'S ATTACKING US?
THAT'S NOT THE ORDER!
FOLLOW THE ORDER!
WE ARE UNDER... AARRGGHH!!
ARMOR!!
ANALYZE THREAT.
UNKNOWN ENERGY SOURCE.
CAN YOU NEUTRALIZE THE UNKNOWN ENERGY SOURCE?
SHIELDS AT 44 PERCENT.
I DON'T NEED YOU NOW.
NOW I NEED BOB.
WHY?
YOU CAN'T BE SEEN HERE. DON'T ARGUE WITH ME.
I CAN--
I TOLD YOU--YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME.
GO GET ME BOB REYNOLDS.
BOB IT IS.

AVENGERS!
IN THE QUINJET, NOW!
YOU FOLLOW ORDERS!
I CAN DO AERIAL RECON.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF EVEN--
WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S HAPPENED?!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK, SENTRY. ORDERS ARE TO--
TAKE MY WIFE.
GET IN THE JET! I'LL EXPLAIN ON THE--
WHAT'S HAPPENING??
WHERE'S NORMAN--?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
YOUR HUSBAND DOESN'T LISTEN IS WHAT IS GOING ON!
GET IN THE QUINJET, MRS. REYNOLDS.
YOUR ORDER IS TO STAND-- ARGH!
GUY DOESN'T LISTEN!
AGENT, IS THAT YOUR COPTER?
YEAH, I CAN TAKE YOU OUT OF HERE.
I'LL TAKE HER. YOU MAKE SURE THE BUILDING IS EMPTY.
OSBORN SAID EVERYONE.
YES, SIR.
EVERYONE! GET IN THE QUINJET! NOW!!
COME WITH ME, MRS. REYNOLDS!
WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE SAFE AND--
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT IS GOING ON?
HONESTLY, NEITHER DO I! BUT WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER.
COME ON! YOUR HUSBAND WILL KILL ME IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU.
PLEASE, MRS. REYNOLDS...
IT'S TIME.

WHERE THE HELL IS HAWKEYE GOING?
I TOLD HIM TO--
YOU TOLD HIM TO LEAVE.
WHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUP
WHUPWHUPWHUPWHUP
THAT SON OF A BITCH!
WHY ISN'T IT WORKING??
YOU GOTTA TURN THE BLUE THINGY.
LET'S GO! GET IN THE AIR!
I TURNED THE BLUE THINGY.
I CAN FLY IT.
GET OUT OF THE WAY.
YOU HAD IT ON EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN.
NO, I DIDN'T.
THEN HOW DID IT GET IN EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
EVERYONE IN YOUR SEATS.
WHERE TO, MS. HAND?
FOLLOW HAWKEYE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL HE THINKS HE'S DOING, BUT...
DO YOU SEE HIM? I DON'T SEE HIM.
WHAT?
CHECK THE RADAR.
CALL HIM ON THE RADIO.
WHAT FREQUENCY?
WHAT WHAT?
WHAT RADIO FREQUENCY?
DOES HE EVEN KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING?

WHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUP
YOU OKAY BACK THERE, MRS. REYNOLDS?
UH, I, UH, THINK SO.
RADIO
ON
OFF
IT'S ACTUALLY KIND OF NICE OUT TONIGHT.
UH, WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE?
I GUESS THE BUILDING WAS UNDER ATTACK.
BY WHO?
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
I'M SORRY?
DOES IT MATTER? IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANYONE.
YOUR HUSBAND WILL FIX IT.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
THERE'S A SAFEHOUSE. IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.
IN THE OCEAN?
ON THE OCEAN. NOT FAR FROM HERE. EVERYONE WILL BE THERE.
THEY'LL LET US KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WHEN WE GET THERE.

THANK YOU, BY THE WAY.

NO PROBLEM.
JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS.

WHUPWHUPWHUPWHUP
HEY, UH, WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING MARRIED TO ▮ BIG, FAMOUS SUPER HERO?

I'M SORRY?
WHAT'S IT LIKE--?
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO ANSWER THAT.

MUST BE NICE TO FEEL SAFE ALL THE TIME.
PROTECTED.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?

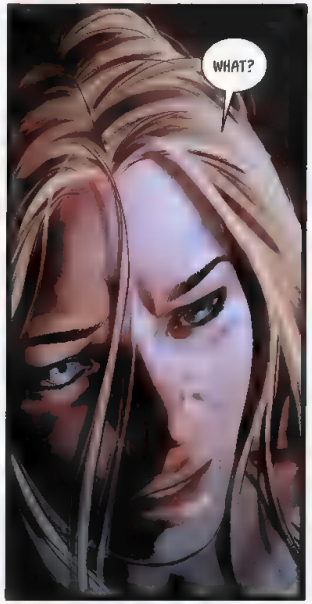
I'M HAWKEYE, MA'AM. I'M AN AVENGER.
NO, I MEANT, WHAT'S YOUR REAL NAME?
ARE YOU ALLOWED TO SAY?
OH, UH, BENJAMIN.
HEY, YOU GUYS GOING TO HAVE ANY KIDS?

UH, NO.
THAT'S TOO BAD.
IT'S, UH, IT'S NOT THE RIGHT TIME.

SORRY, IF I'M BEING TOO PERSONAL.
NO.
I ALWAYS WONDERED, THOUGH.
WHAT DO YOU THINK HE SEES IN YOU?

I'M SORRY?

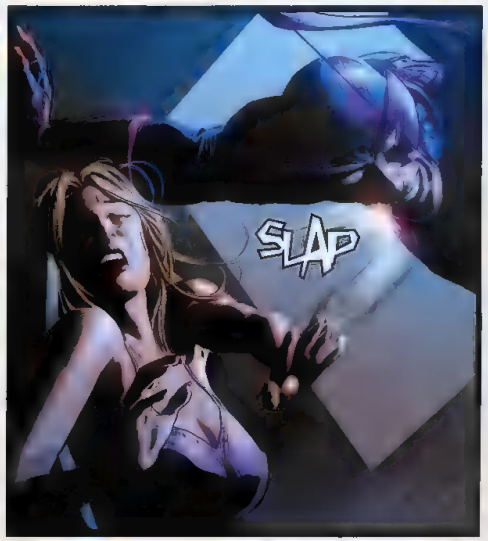
YOUR HUSBAND, HE'S ALMOST A GOD...
AND YOU-- YOU'RE KIND OF, WELL, FRUMPY IS THE BEST WORD I CAN THINK OF.


WHAT?

I MEAN, HE CAN HAVE ANYBODY. I MEAN, I CAN HAVE ANYBODY. AND ALL I DO IS KILL PEOPLE.
AND I SWEAR, I CAN GET ANY GIRL I WANT.
IMAGINE THE ASS HE IS MISSING OUT ON BECAUSE HE'S MARRIED TO YOU.

AND LOOK AT YOU. DO YOU EVEN OWN A BRUSH? OR A MIRROR?
GET BACK.

I MEAN, WE ALL KNOW YOUR HUSBAND IS NUTS.
BUT MARRYING YOU WHEN HE COULD BE DATING SUPERMODELS FROM NUMEROUS PLANETS...
NOW THAT IS NUTS.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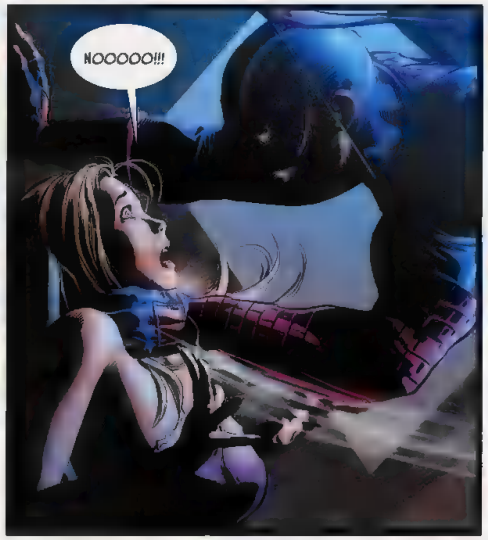
NOOOOO!!!

AH.

=COFF=
AGH!
BUILDING SECURE.

WHUPWHUPWHUPWH
WHERE WERE YOU?
WHERE'D YOU GO?
WHERE'S MY WIFE?
WHERE'S... LINDY?
SHE...SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT HER LIFE ANYMORE.
SHE SAID SHE WAS... SCARED OF YOU.
AND SHE--SHE JUMPED.
I COULDN'T EVEN GET MY SEATBELT UNBUCKLED BEFORE SHE DID IT.
SHE JUST... JUMPED.
WHAT?

WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY WIFE!!??
YAAARRGH!!
HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
STOP THIS NOW!
WHERE IS SHE?
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
YOU COULD KILL ME IN TWO SECONDS.
WHY WOULD I TOUCH HER? I TRIED TO SAVE HER!
SHE KILLED HERSELF!
YOU THINK I'D COME BACK HERE?
SHE DID THIS. YOU DESERVED TO KNOW.
WHO KNEW SHE WAS SO DISTRAUGHT?
I'M SORRY, MAN...
I'M SORRY.

I'M SORRY, BOB.
HE TRIED.
COFF!
AGH!
WHERE?
WHERE DID SHE DO IT?
WE WERE SOMEWHERE OVER JERSEY.
FARM LAND.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE EXACTLY.
I'M--I'M SORRY.

SIEGE

CHECKLIST

DECEMBER

- ☑ SIEGE: THE CABAL
- ☑ AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE #31
- ☑ ORIGINS OF SIEGE

JANUARY

- ☑ SIEGE #1
- ☑ AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE #32
- ☑ DARK AVENGERS #13
- ☑ DARK WOLVERINE #82
- ☑ NEW AVENGERS #61
- ☑ SIEGE: EMBEDDED #1
- ☑ SIEGE: STORMING ASGARD - HEROES & VILLAINS

FEBRUARY

- ☑ SIEGE #2
- ☑ AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE #33
- ☑ DARK AVENGERS #14
- ☑ DARK WOLVERINE #83
- ☑ NEW AVENGERS #62
- ☑ SIEGE: EMBEDDED #2
- ☑ THOR #607
- ☑ THUNDERBOLTS #141

MARCH

- ☐ SIEGE #3
- ☐ AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE #34
- ☐ DARK AVENGERS #15
- ☐ DARK WOLVERINE #84
- ☐ MIGHTY AVENGERS #35
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS #63
- ☐ NEW MUTANTS #11
- ☐ SIEGE: EMBEDDED #3
- ☐ THOR #608
- ☐ THUNDERBOLTS #142

APRIL

- ☐ SIEGE #4
- ☐ AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE #35
- ☐ DARK AVENGERS #16
- ☐ FALLEN (not final title)
- ☐ MIGHTY AVENGERS #36
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS #64
- ☐ SIEGE: EMBEDDED #4
- ☐ THOR #609
- ☐ THUNDERBOLTS #143

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SEND A SPECIAL OPS CONVOY TO TRY AND HELP THE SENTRY DO WHATEVER HE NEEDS TO DO.
I WANT UPDATES.
SECOND, LET THE WHITE HOUSE KNOW THE TOWER WAS THE VICTIM OF AN ATTEMPTED LATVERIAN TERRORIST ATTACK.
IS THAT TRUE?
WHY WOULD I ASK YOU TO TELL THE WHITE HOUSE SOMETHING THAT WASN'T TRUE?
TO BE CONCLUDED...

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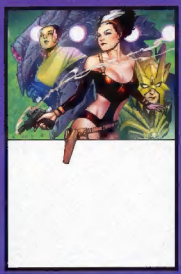
HOW THE DARK HAVE FALLEN!



SECRET WARRIORS #14
THE TRAITOR UNVEILED!

NEW AVENGERS #63
BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE!

SIEGE: EMBEDDED #3
TO WAR!

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